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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Civil Service Reform Legislation (S. 2640;
H.R. 11280)

1. The undersigned, accompanied by [REDACTED] of the OGC, spent the afternoon and evening of 2 October reviewing the available portions of the House-Senate Draft Conference Report on the Civil Service Reform legislation.

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2. Although the entire report was not, as of this writing, available for review, those portions reviewed (Merit Principles, Senior Executive Service, Prohibited Personnel Practices, Hatch Act Violations, Management-Labor Relations Authority amongst others) contain all of the CIA-NSA exemptory language. Of specific note is the fact that the Foreign Service exemption from the Senior Executive Service which CIA had favored is to be included in the final Act.

3. As the final Conference session occurs at 10:00 a.m. on 3 October, this office should be able to review the final bill and report in toto shortly thereafter. It is anticipated that the 3 October session will be pro forma in nature, being little more than a rubber stamp for those amendments hammered out by the respective Senate and House Conference staffers.

4. Notwithstanding an unforeseen calamity, the Civil Service Reform will be passed by both House of Congress sometime prior to the planned 14 October recess and will predictably be signed by the President into law prior to the November elections.

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